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SUBJECT: BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES MISS JUERGEN PONTO'S FUNERAL
SERVICES BECAUSE OF PAN AM PLANE BREAKDOWN

REF: (A) USBER 2037, (B) USBER 1921, (C) BONN 12610, (D) STATE

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1. PRESIDENT OF BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LORENZ,
SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS KORBER, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
BERLIN DELEGATION WHO PLANNED TO ATTEND BANKER JUERGEN PONTO'S
FUNERAL CEREMONIES IN FRANKFURT AUGUST 5 WERE UNABLE TO DO
SO BECAUSE OF ENGINE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PAN AM PLANE THEY
WERE TAKING FROM BERLIN. AS THERE WAS NO AIRCRAFT IN RESERVE
ABLE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR MALFUNCTIONING JET AT THAT TIME, AND
NEXT FLIGHT, SCHEDULED TO DEPART AN HOUR LATER, WOULD HAVE
ARRIVED TOO LATE TO DELIVER ITS PASSENGERS ON TIME FOR THE
PONTON CEREMONIES, BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES STAYED BEHIND.

2. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT RECALLS OUR CONCERN THAT DILUTION
OF PAN AM FLEET IN BERLIN HAS REDUCED AIRLINE'S FLEXIBILITY
IN MEETING UNANTICIPATED NEEDS (REFS A AND B). HOWEVER, IN
DEFENSE OF PAN AM, WE MUST SAY THAT BERLIN DELEGATION'S
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VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE IS NOT THE SORT OF CONTINGENCY THAT
CAN BE ALWAYS MET. FURTHERMORE, PAN AM HAS TOLD US THAT
A REASSIGNMENT OF NINTH 727 TO BERLIN FLEET (REF D) HAS
IMPROVED AIRLINE'S CAPABILITY TO MEET HEAVY DEMANDS OF
FUNKASSTELLUNG TRAFFIC 25 AUGUST - 4 SEPTEMBER. FOR
THIS PERIOD, PAN AM HAS ALREADY SCHEDULED 126 EXTRA SECTIONS.

3. BERLIN NEWSPAPER TAGESSPIEGEL AUGUST 6 PICKED UP STORY
OF CANCELLED FRANKFURT FLIGHT, ATTRIBUTING IT MERELY TO
INSTRUMENT FAILURE, BUT HAS NOT COMMENTED ON BROADER QUESTION
OF PAN AM'S CURRENT IGS CAPABILITIES. GEORGE

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